

Please add the following new claims 18-23:

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18. A gene delivery vector comprising ferrite particles having a polymeric coating to which a target polypeptide molecule, a nucleic acid and a nucleic acid binding protein are covalently bound.

19. A gene delivery vector according to claim 18 wherein said target polypeptide molecule is selected from the group consisting of wheat germ agglutinin, transferrin and nerve growth factor.

20. A gene delivery vector according to claim 18 wherein said target polypeptide molecule is an antibody or antibody fragment.

21. A gene delivery vector according to claim 18 wherein said polymeric coating is a dextran coating.

22. A gene delivery vector according to claim 18 wherein said ferrite particles are produced by the preparation of a mixture of ferrous and ferric chloride.

23. An injectable composition comprising a gene delivery vector according to claim 18 and a physiologically acceptable diluent.

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